

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim Amendments

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-66 and 68 are canceled. These claims are canceled in an effort to expedite allowance. Claims 67 and 70 are currently being amended. Claim 67 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 70 has been amended to depend from claim 67 and 69. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file a continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the canceled subject matter. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 67, 69 and 70 are pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 63-66 and 68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in art.

Applicants have canceled these claims thereby making this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out that claims 69 and 70 are allowable and if rewritten, claim 67 would also be allowable. Applicants have rewritten claim 67 in independent form.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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Respectfully submitted,

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